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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE TRADE OPPORTUNITY FOR BARGES

1. AS RESULT OF 24 DECEMBER MEETING WITH OFFICIALS OF
EPMG AND NATIONAL BANK OF ETHIOPIA, PURPOSE OF WHICH WAS
ATTEMPT BY EPMG TO SPUR COFFEE PRODUCERS TO EXPORT OF
100,000 TONS IN CY 1978, REPRESENTATIVE OF COFFEE EXPORTERS
COMMITTEE CONTACTED EMBOFF AND REVIEWED FOLLOWING QUESTIONS
CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION TO SOLVE INTERNAL TRANSPORT
PROBLEMS FOR COFFEE CROP. (COFFEE EXPORTER BELIEVES THAT
EXPORT CROP WILL PROBABLY NOT EXCEED 75,000 TONS, AS
RESULT MOSTLY OF INTERNAL TRANSPORT CONSTRAINTS.)

2. OPTIONS:

A. SHIPMENT OF COFFEE TO DJIBOUTI ALONG ADDIS-DJIBOUTI
ROAD.

B. AIR FREIGHT OF COFFEE TO ADEN FOR FURTHER SHIPMENT
BY SEA.

C. ACQUISITION BY EXPORTERS OF BETWEEN 30 AND 4
50 BARGES OF 250 - 350 TON CAPACITY.

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3. EMBASSY REPORTING OPTION C ABOVE, ONE WHICH IS
FAVORED AT THIS POINT BY COFFEE EXPORTERS, AS
POSSIBLE TRADE OPPORTUNITY.
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